



e-News

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“Overcoming: Reconnect and Sustain Your Life in Christ”

We live in challenging times in what is being called a “Post-Christian” era. People have become more and more disconnected from meaningful work, as 70%-80% of workers hate their jobs. More and more people in our frantic paced society are becoming disconnected from other people, the good world God created, meaningful values, real hope, the Church, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The good news is the tremendous opportunity we have to do ministry in these challenging times. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we can help people Reconnect: that is, reconnect or connect with the Savior, reconnect with the community of God’s people the church, and reconnect with a purpose-filled life serving the Lord and others.

The Lord wants to work through us to help others reconnect to the real hope we have because God so loved the world. Perhaps there are areas in our own lives in which we need to “Reconnect” with Jesus, His Church and other followers of Christ, the good world God created, and the living hope we have in God.

Worship with us as we seek the overcoming strength of God in the Lord Jesus Christ this fall. Jesus said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- September 9- “Reconnect and Live”
John 15:1-11, 18-21, 16:33
 - September 16- “Made for More”
Genesis 1:26-31, Psalm 8, Ephesians 1:15-19
 - September 23- “Choices...”
Matthew 7:13-29, II Kings 13:14-20
 - September 30- “Making Work, Work”
John 6:25-40, Colossians 3:23
- Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. — Chancel Choir
- 10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

- Stewardship Council—Sept. 5, 3:30 p.m.
- Parish Council—Sept. 9, 11:45 a.m.
- Day Deacons—Sept. 10, 10 a.m.
- Night Deacons—Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
- Worship Council—Sept. 12, 10 a.m.
- Church Growth Council—Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m.
- Executive Committee—Sept. 13, 6 p.m.
- Session—Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Men’s Breakfast—Sept. 7, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
- 2nd Sunday Potluck—Sept. 9, 11:45 a.m. in Hoffman Hall
- Lunch Bunch Bible Discussion Group—Sept. 11, 12 noon in Room 210
- Women’s Bible Study—Sept. 12, 10 a.m. Contact Mary Lynn Keir at 815-782-4762
- Thurs. A.M. Circle—Sept. 13, 9:15 a.m.
- Mary Circle—Sept. 13, 12 noon (bring a sack lunch); meeting and study at 12:30 p.m.
- C4 Men’s Group at Panera Bread on Rt. 59—Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.; meet at 6 p.m. for dinner if you wish
- Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m. in the Narthex
- Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217

Mission

Farragut School Supplies—Thank you for your support. We have raised \$1,425 for composition books for the children attending nearby Farragut Grade School.

Mission to the Homeless—Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. Socks are especially needed. If you work for a company that would like to share in this mission, call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396. Our next packing day is Sunday, September 23.

September 2, 2018
Worship Attendance — 145

Stewardship Report
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts	\$268,826
Year to Date Expenses	\$304,072

Farragut School Supplies — \$1,425
Feed My Starving Children so far — \$6,997
(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds
300 Children for an entire year)

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

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THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Craig Herr, Senior Pastor
This Sunday. Join us for worship as we start the fall season and consider what it means to live life as a follower of the Lord Jesus. There are joys and challenges to being a disciple of Jesus today, just as there were when the original disciples said yes to following their Savior. Come live in the joy, hope, and purpose of Christ Jesus and worship with us this Sunday.

THANK YOU for Supporting our Special Offering for Farragut School Supplies. Children in the second grade to the fifth grade have received Composition Books for the new school year. That's 1,200 composition books to carry them through the entire school year. They are excited, as you can imagine, as they start the fall season of school.

Connect with your Friends in Christ at our Mid-week Family Nights. We begin once more on Wednesday, September 12. We start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffman Hall. After dinner there are learning opportunities for kids, youth, and adults. That's something for everybody!

You can make a Huge Difference in a Child's Life. Plan now to be a part of our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event. We are doing this again November 2-3. We will have four packing sessions; 1 Friday evening and 3 on Saturday with a set up session Friday afternoon and a cleanup session at the end on Saturday. It's just like we did last year, only bigger, as we are packing 8,000 more meals. Invite anyone you know to come and help provide wonderful nourishing meals to children all over the world. Help us raise \$23,000 by asking your family, friends, and neighbors to give to fund the meals—109,000 meals. One meal costs only 22 cents and \$80 feeds a child for an entire year!

In Christ,
 Craig

Volunteers this Sunday, September 9, 2018	
9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Children's Worship: Bo Mircea	Bo Mircea
Greeters: Bob & Mary Haas	
Acolytes: Tate Albers	Maddox Lundeen
Ushers: Barb Rodgers, Capt.; Mark Dykema	Ed Schultz, Capt.
Coffee Fellowship: Pat Haldorson, Capt.;	Emma Sticklen, LuAnn Stepina
Sound Room: Rich Pool	
Video Screens: Todd Hayden	



2018 Ladies Day Retreat

Sat., September 22, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate

Lunch, Workshops, Worship
 Amy Logan, guest speaker (author of "A Girl with a Cape" book series)

Registration is online at www.firstpresjoliet.org, at church Sunday mornings, or by mail; cost is \$40; registration deadline is Sept. 16 or until event is filled.

KIDS

Wednesday Mid-Week starts next Wednesday, Sept. 12! Save the date—Oct. 24, Trunk 'n' Treat!

WILDFIRE YOUTH GROUP, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

We start up Sept. 9 with a Youth vs. Parents Kickball Game! Confirmation (grade 8 & above) also starts Sept. 9, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night is starting up Sept. 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone

6:30 p.m.—Kids Music & Learning

—Teen Bible Study

—Men's Bible Discussion Group (Proverbs)

—Women's Discussion Group (Bob Goff's book, *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*)

2nd Sunday Pot Luck is Sept. 9, right after second service. Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship with your church family.



We are rekeying the outside doors of the church. If you presently have an outside door key, you may come to the office to receive a new key. At that time you will be asked to complete a key check-out form and will be assigned a new numbered key. We will also be on hand in the office between services the last 2 Sundays in September to check out the new keys. The locks will be changed as of October 1st, at which time none of the old keys for outside doors will work.

If you have keys which you no longer use, outside or inside doors, please return them to the office. Perhaps you were a Deacon or Elder and no longer hold that position, or you were issued keys for a class or event that is no longer meeting. Please return the keys. Keys cost up to \$20 each to make. The cost of making more keys adds up. Please help us be good stewards and return any keys you are no longer using.



The men's group will have their first September Get-together at Panera Bread, IL Route 59 and Caton Farm Road, Plainfield, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13. First Pres. men of all ages are welcome, even if you have not attended the men's group. Come at 6 p.m. if you wish to have dinner together first. Why not bring a friend, too!